

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1462 without my signature.

While I understand the author's interest in securing additional resources for California hospitals, this bill is unnecessary. The California Medical Assistance Commission already takes a multitude of factors into consideration when negotiating hospital inpatient service contracts. In fact, it would be impossible to list all these various factors in statute. The broad approach already outlined in law allows the Commission administrative flexibility during negotiations in order to best serve the hospitals and the state's Medi-Cal program.

For this reason, I am unable to sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger